

BUTTE NEWS.

BUTTE MADE DEFENDANT

Two Suits for Damages Filed Against the City.

FOR INJURIES RECEIVED

A Fall on a Defective Sidewalk the Cause of One Suit—A Change on East Broadway Led to the Filing of the Other.

The city of Butte was yesterday made defendant in two damage suits brought in the district court, one for injuries received by a fall on a defective sidewalk, and the other for damages sustained by reason of a change of East Broadway. The plaintiff in the first suit is Mrs. Lou Metz and in her complaint she alleges that the defendant negligently and knowingly allowed a portion of the sidewalk on the north side of Quartz street, about midway between Main and Alaska streets, to be out of repair, by permitting a high and dangerous step or offset to remain in front of the sidewalk for some 25 feet, the step being about five inches high. The alleged defect was allowed to exist there for a period of a year or more, and it is claimed that the city had full knowledge of it, but neglected of its dangerous condition. On the 17th of February, of last year, at about 8 o'clock in the evening, and while it was very dark, the plaintiff was lawfully passing along the sidewalk, and having no knowledge of the existence of the defective sidewalk, she was thrown violently forward and against the wall, sustaining severe internal injuries, causing a rupture and severely bruising her right leg, arm and upper portion of her body. She alleges that she was permanently injured and rendered a cripple for life, and was made helpless for a period of more than 21 months, and still suffering from pain and suffering, and is helpless and unable to assist or care for herself. For a greater portion of the time since the accident she has been confined to her bed, and unable to walk or move about. She says she has been put to great expense for medical attendance, for which she paid out \$196.60. She also says she has been deprived of following her usual avocation of life and earning a living for herself, and has sustained in the sum of \$5,000. By reason of her injuries, whereby she is rendered a cripple for life, she is prevented from performing ordinary work and many kinds of labor which she has the habit of performing for the purpose of earning a livelihood for herself and family and totally disabled her from earning a livelihood. She therefore demands judgment against the city for \$5,196.60. Mrs. Metz made an affidavit that she is too poor to pay the court costs of her suit.

The second suit against the city was brought by Michael B. Holland, who says in his complaint that he is the owner of lot 8, block 4, of the Leggart & Foster addition, fronting on East Broadway. At the time he became owner of the property there was an established street in front of it extending from Broadway, and had been established by the owners of the addition mentioned, and has ever since been an extension of Broadway. Relying on the grade of the plaintiff, in June, 1888, erected a dwelling house on the lot and otherwise improved it and used it as a residence for himself and family. During 1895 the city established a new grade in front of the property and last year graded Broadway down to the new grade line without giving the plaintiff notice of its intention, and no appraisers were appointed to make an appraisal of damages and benefits that would result to the plaintiff's premises by reason of the change of grade. The street was graded away to the depth of 9 or 10 feet and it will be necessary for the plaintiff to build a 10-foot stone wall along in front of his property to hold up the ground and to protect the premises, the cost of which will be at least \$200. The grading has made the property dangerous to the plaintiff's family and children and very inconvenient of access, on which account he has suffered damages in the sum of \$200 more, and the market value of the property has been reduced thereby at least \$400. He estimates his total damages, over and above any offset for benefits, at \$500, for which amount he demands judgment.

The Davidson Grocery company brought suit against Edwin Woods and wife for \$229.41, claimed to be due on account, and for \$25.25, due on an account assigned from Hugo Arnold.

SILVER BOW FINANCES.

The Monthly Report of County Treasurer Hinds—Condition of the Funds.

County Treasurer Hinds issued his monthly financial statement yesterday, showing the receipts and disbursements of the county for the month of January. On the first of the year there was a total of \$360,230.50 in the treasury. The amount received during the month was \$17,121.61, which was collected from license taxes, fees, etc. The balance on hand the first of February was \$288,808.73. The statement showing the condition of the various funds is as follows:

Table with columns: Balance Jan. 1, Received, Total, Paid, Balance Out, Jan. 31. Rows include General Fund, Contingent Fund, Poor Fund, Road Fund, Sinking Fund, General School Fund, District School Fund, City of Walkerville, Fire Fund, Redemption Fund, State Fund, Bounty Fund, Stock Insp. and Det. Fund, Stock Indemnity Fund, Sheep Insp. and Ins. Fund, State Stock Bounty Fund, District Court Clerk Deposit, Estates, City of Butte, Inheritance tax, Total.

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at the mine. The new concentrator is expected to start early in the spring. Albert Higgins and John Scambler, who have been working for some months in the Banner & Bangie mine, near Troy, have returned to Libby.

Patrick Noon, who has been living at Koonal Falls for several years, was in the city last week. He intends to move to Sylvanite.

Mrs. Frank M. Leonard has gone to St. Paul for the benefit of her health, which has not been good this winter.

MADE A GREAT HIT.

The Del Conte Company Gave a Good Performance of "Lucia de Lammermoor."

The Del Conte Opera company made its greatest hit, so far during its Butte performance of the popular opera of "Lucia de Lammermoor" at the Maguire last night. Both the principals and chorus were in splendid voice and the performance was met with wonderful smoothness. The part of Lucia was taken by Signora Cleopatra Vicini, and was exceptionally well sung and acted. The tenor, Agostini, sang the part of Edgardo. The entire cast was of high quality. The part of Lucia was taken by Signora Cleopatra Vicini, and was exceptionally well sung and acted. The tenor, Agostini, sang the part of Edgardo. The entire cast was of high quality.

The rich baritone of Sig. Francesconi and the basso of Sig. Girardi were more advantageously heard in the part of Enrico and Bidebain than in any other roles they have yet appeared in. The audience was much larger than on Tuesday night and contained many of Butte's society people and a number of visitors from outside the city, including a party from Anaconda.

INHOSPITABLE CREES.

Buffalo Coat Gets a Warm Reception at the City Dump Camp.

Two big chiefs held a conference at the city hall yesterday. One of them was Chief Buffalo Coat and the other Chief Muholland. The former wanted protection from belligerent redskins, which the paleface chief was unable to grant, owing to lack of jurisdiction. Day before yesterday Buffalo Coat, who is a naturalized American and shows citizen's papers with an air of great pride, came to Butte from Helena, where he sold buffalo horns and was accompanied by three other braves of the Cree nation, in which Buffalo Coat is a high chief. The four, on their arrival, proceeded to the camp of the Indians south of town, but were given a very inhospitable reception.

The young bucks there thought they already had as many people as they had dogs to feed, and as they had procured that day a quantity of liquid courage from some Butte saloon, they proceeded to make things warm for their visitors. The old men in camp succeeded in staying off the hostilities and yesterday Buffalo Coat accompanied by Interpreter Harry Donny visited the mayor and laid his troubles before him. They were referred to Chief Muholland, who decided he had no jurisdiction, as the camp was outside the city limits, and Buffalo Coat and his interpreter were sent to Sheriff Regan.

TO REMEDY THE EVIL.

A Shelter Provided for Stray Stock at the City Dump.

Mayor Harrington has decided to take steps toward remedying the evil of allowing horses, mules and cattle to roam the streets and highways, and to death while heartless owners refuse to feed them. He has arranged to have some shelter constructed at the city crematory, and the sanitary inspectors are directed to have all stock found loose in the streets taken up and sent there. There is considerable stock that can be picked up, and at the dumps enough fodder will be provided to keep the animals from starving. If the owners claim them, they will be required to pay the expense, and if they don't the animals will be shot or sold. The order to remove all loose stock found in the streets to the dump was issued day before yesterday, and in one day 10 head of beasts were gathered in. The following report of Sanitary Inspector Wesson for last Monday is an eloquent argument in favor of the mayor's policy. The report reads: "One sorrel horse with white face, two bays, one white, one brown, one mule, one black cow with white face, one red-and-white cow, two red cows,

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here at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The procession which followed the remains of the unfortunate man to his last resting place was one of the largest that has been witnessed in Butte for a long time. The funeral services over the remains were conducted by Rev. Father Hart of Butte.

The Klondike craze seems to be spreading in this vicinity. Joseph Baker and Emil Moody will leave here tomorrow for the famous gold fields, and will go by way of Seattle and the steamers, as they are not satisfied that the "overland" and "poor man's routes" are just the right thing. Both men are old and experienced prospectors and feel confident they will strike it rich. There are several other persons here who are talking of going to the middle of the month, the oldest of them being I. L. Jourdain, who has been prominently connected with the Eva May company for the past two years.

IN BOZEMAN.

Several New Buildings to Be Erected in the Spring.

Special Correspondence of the Standard. Bozeman, Jan. 31.—The prospects for a number of new buildings being erected in this city seem to be bright. The present seems to be good. Dr. Featherston is contemplating the construction of a business block, in fact, the plans are already drawn and bid advertisement for this block will be built on the south side of Main street just west of the city hall, and adjoining the old Spith & Krug brewery, or Armory hall. It will be a two-story brick structure, with two store rooms below and a basement under one end, the Bozeman creek running under the other. Upstairs will be a fine suite of living rooms on the west half, with a dining room, kitchen and bath in front, and the remainder partitioned off into elegant offices. The north end is to have a turret, or tower, with circular windows, and surmounted with a flag staff. The roof will be fitted with plate glass fronts, and the whole finished off in elegant style. This building will be quite an addition to the east end of Bozeman, and will fit up an ugly looking building, which will be heated throughout with hot water, and fitted with all modern appliances for comfort and convenience.

The owners of the Spith & Krug block are also thinking of renovating it and turning the lower story into store rooms. These two buildings will make a great addition to the business center of Bozeman, as well as adding to the beauty of the city. Lots have been sold all over the town and especially out in the direction of the new college buildings, and many of the purchasers talk of erecting a dwelling house this year. As there is a great difficulty in procuring houses during the school year there is no doubt but that those who build in the northwest and west ends of the city will find tenants without much trouble.

Scarlet Fever.

There are several cases of scarlet fever in Bozeman discovered the last few days. Notice was posted on the outside of a house on Bozeman street on Monday warning the citizens, pursuant to the city ordinance, of the disease that scarlet fever was raging within. It is hoped that the cases can be kept isolated, and the spread of this contagious disease prevented.

A Woman Boarder.

The county jail has a woman boarder now, the first in many a day. The lady in question is the sister-in-law of last week for selling liquor without a license in Chestnut, and was brought to town by the sheriff. She will have her trial on Friday next.

Sold His Trotter.

Lee Warren, the druggist, has sold his trotting mare to the Johnson brothers, and has rented the Flaherty ranch, and will enter into agricultural pursuits as well as that of making up prescriptions and selling drugs.

GOOD TIMES FOR BASIN.

Prosperity strikes the Town, No Thanks to McKinley.

Special Correspondence of the Standard. Basin, Feb. 1.—It is now authoritatively stated that the Eva May mine will resume full operations again on the 15th of this month. A quantity of machinery will be employed in the mine and mill, and enough ore will be extracted to keep the mill running steadily night and day. The Eva May has been a good dividend payer, and it is confidently believed that it will be made so again. A large amount of development work and prospecting has recently been done on the property, and it is said to now be in a splendid condition for a long and steady run.

A Large and Consistive Meeting.

A large and consistive meeting was held in Sullivan & Leary's hall last night for the purpose of making arrangements for collecting a mineral exhibit at the Omaha exposition. The meeting was well attended by miners and business men, who are taking hold of the matter in earnest, and who visit the exposition may expect to see an excellent exhibit from this county and particularly from the Basin district. Harry Estes was made chairman and W. H. Godfrey secretary of the meeting. The best methods for arranging for the exhibit was long and earnestly discussed after which one general committee was appointed, and they will be required to push it ahead until a good exhibit has been gathered. The gentlemen named on the committee are W. H. Godfrey, Patrick Dougherty, A. E. Adrege, H. L. Huch, and Henry Schupp. It will be the duty of this committee to visit all the mines in the district and select specimens from, and also to have general charge of the arrangement of the exhibit until it is ready to ship to Commissioner Sutherland.

The Hope mine whistle blew yesterday at noon for the first time since last April, and its shrill shriek brought happiness to the hearts of the people of Basin, because they feel that there is much to this town to have that famous old producer of days gone by in successful operation again. Everybody here feels that the mine is in an important position, and that it will pay to be one of the really great mines of Montana. The pumps will be started within a day or two, and it is estimated that within 25 or 30 days the water will be taken out. The shaft will then be sunk 200 feet deeper, and in the meantime miners will be working in the old levels. New machinery will be put in the mill, and Manager Hewitt says that within 60 days the mill will be in full operation. The State Treasurer Collins, Lieutenant Governor Sprague and Hon. C. A. Whipple, who are heavily interested in this company, were here yesterday making their interests known, and acquainting themselves with the proposed plans for operating the property. They were highly pleased with the progress of the work.

The Basin & Bay State Mining company will doing a large amount of work on the new Katie smelting plant, and the weather still continues to be quite favorable for its operations. Withing a few days more the company will also commence work on the big 500-ton concentrator. The master mechanic who is to have charge of the construction work on this plant is already here and the machine and carpenter shops are already being put in shape to start the work. The company is going ahead with all possible rapidity, as it desires to get the entire concentrating and smelting works in operation by the 1st of August.

The funeral of Alfonso Massucci, the man who met his death by the awful powder explosion of Saturday, was held

at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The procession which followed the remains of the unfortunate man to his last resting place was one of the largest that has been witnessed in Basin for a long time. The funeral services over the remains were conducted by Rev. Father Hart of Butte.

IN WALLACE.

An Attempt to Work Deep Placers in the Coeur d'Alene.

Special Correspondence of the Standard. Wallace, Idaho, Jan. 31.—A serious attempt is now about to be made to work some of the deep placers of the Coeur d'Alene. The method will be the dredge, which has proven so successful in Warrens, Elk City and other old placer camps. It is not known here who is interested in the undertaking, but it is understood to be an Eastern syndicate, everything being done here by an agent named Johnson, who has been at Murray several months, during which time he has secured 13 claims, covering the whole bottom of the Coeur d'Alene for a distance of two miles. The machinery for the plant has been ordered and the first carload is already here, from whence it will be hauled over on sleds. Two more carloads are expected soon, and all to be got onto the ground while the snow lasts. Although millions of dollars were taken from the old placers of the Coeur d'Alene in the first few years following the discovery of the placers, and upwards of \$250,000 is still produced annually, it is the universal opinion among men acquainted with the situation, that the richest ground is yet untouched. The rich part of Eagle and Deer creeks, and all of Pritchard that was gold-bearing, were too flat to work by ordinary mining methods, and are to-day as truly virgin ground as when they were first discovered. The rich part of the Coeur d'Alene mountains. Here and there someone has put in a pump and gone to bedrock, invariably finding gold, but not in quantities to pay by any such method.

After the first craze was over and mining became an established business, a company was formed and a bedrock flume put in. It commenced way down the Pritchard creek in this part, and Pritchard several miles. It was on the latter stream that mining was done and it was continued until there was no longer sufficient fall, when it was abandoned. This company paid out over \$1,000,000 for labor and material, and yet the undertaking was a financial success, although the company had worked what should be the poor ground on the creek.

From the upper end of the bedrock flume company's work to Raven, a distance of seven miles, placer work has been carried on wherever the conditions were suitable, but the richest part of it is all untouched. The gulches which made the Coeur d'Alene famous—Dream, Weep, Conger, Buckskin, Alder, Gold, Missoula and others, all put into Pritchard creek in this part, and for ages they have been pouring gold dust and nuggets into water too sluggish to move the treasure further, nature hoarding it up under conditions which have heretofore kept it secured.

Agnes before the Pritchard creek of this day there was another and mightier stream draining the same country. Its old channel is first found near Haven, from whence it runs in a generally western course along what is now a mountain side nearly parallel with Pritchard creek, and some half mile distant it is traced and worked. Veering a little more to the north it crosses Eagle creek and farther west the north fork of the Coeur d'Alene. A short distance west of this it is lost again, the country from there on to Coeur d'Alene lake being but little known. This old channel, either that of a glacier or a stream coming from afar off, as is proven by its gravel furnishing stone of a different character from anything in the Coeur d'Alene, is rich in gold, having been worked in many places both by hydraulic and drifting. Through that old channel all these old gulches cut, their bottom being now far below what was the level of the old stream flowed over it, and without exception they were all much richer below the old channel than above it. But greater many times than the old channel gold which they contain, the stollen and placed in Pritchard creek for safe keeping, is the gold which that stream has itself taken from the mountain. The ledges in that section are mostly "blanket" and occasionally are highly auriferous. In the vicinity of Murray there are at least three of these blanket veins, and that average would probably hold good for the entire seven miles. Their combined thickness would be not far from eight feet, and the seven stamp mills crushing their ores have shown that it seldom runs less than \$10 per ton, while rich pockets are frequently running as high as \$2,000, and even higher. For a distance of seven miles east and west and more than a mile north and south, Pritchard creek has washed away these blankets, and they are now so swift, while its water was not swift, that their broken edges crop along the sides of the mountains, which form the walls of the canyon, while the gold which was once in them lies in the bottom of the valley, and is ready to be taken.

The bedrock in this bottom is covered by from 20 to 50 feet of dirt—probably 30 feet on an average—and the fall to the creek is barely sufficient to run the drainage. That the bottom would pay for working is not to be supposed, but there must be many places in it which would make Klondike bluish. Several previous attempts have been made to get control of some of these bottom claims, that they might be worked by machinery, but they have always run up against some obstinate owner, who wanted it all and wanted it in advance. There is now a more gentlemanly willingness to be reasonable, not only by holders further up Pritchard creek, but also on Eagle and Beaver, where similar conditions prevail, and if this to the government, it is not successful as the conditions justify one in expecting, it is likely that companies will be formed to work other streams in the Coeur d'Alene gold belt.

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